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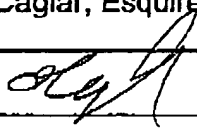
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In re application of)
Hyun Jin Kim) Examiner: Raeann Gorden
Serial No.: 09/974,775) Group Art Unit: 3711
Filed: October 9, 2001)
For: GOLF BALLS, GOLF BALL)
COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS OF)
MANUFACTURE)
January 16, 2003

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 6, 2002, Applicant traverses the requirement, and Applicant further elects the invention of Group I.

In the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, the Examiner has alleged that the application includes two distinct inventions. Specifically, the Examiner has identified Group I, Claims 1-21, which are drawn to a golf ball and golf ball compositions as allegedly distinct from Group II, Claims 22-38, drawn to a method. The Examiner has alleged that the product of Group I can be made using another method, such as injection molding. Applicants respectfully disagree.

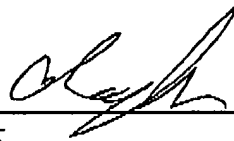
Group II includes independent claim 22 and its dependent claims 23-38. Claim 22 recites a method for making a golf ball by incorporating the composition recited claim 1 of Group I into a golf ball. Claim 22 does not specify a particular method for performing this step. Therefore, the example of another materially different process provided by the Examiner - compression molding - falls within the scope of claim 22, and it cannot be considered distinct

compression molding - falls within the scope of claim 22, and it cannot be considered distinct from the invention recited in claim 22. The claimed product (*i.e.*, a golf ball incorporating the specified composition) cannot be made by a method other than that recited in claim 22 (*i.e.*, incorporating the composition into a golf ball). Therefore, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement.

This application should now be in condition for a favorable substantive examination. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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